

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The image of a subject is sensed in a photo studio using a digital still camera, and a thumbnail image containing less data than a high-resolution main image

5 representing the image of the subject is generated.

Data representing the generated thumbnail image is transmitted to a file apparatus located in another room. The thumbnail-image data requires a shorter transmission time because it contains a smaller amount of data. As a

10 result, the thumbnail image representing the subject is displayed more rapidly.

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